

county, shall be returnable to the first term held by said county court after this Act shall go into effect.

SEC. 9. The said county court shall also have the power to hear and determine all motions against sheriffs and other officers of the court for failure to pay over moneys collected under the process of said court, or other defalcations of duty in connection with such process, and shall have power to punish by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars and by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding three days, any person guilty of contempt of said court, and all other powers and jurisdiction conferred in county courts by the Constitution and General Laws of the State.

SEC. 10. The said county court of Franklin County, or the judge thereof, may and shall have and exercise any and all such further jurisdiction, original and appellate, in civil and criminal cases, as may be conferred upon said county court or judge, or either of them, by the Constitution of this State, and the laws of this State not in conflict herewith. And the said county court or the judge thereof shall have power and jurisdiction to make and enter and enforce any and all orders, decrees and judgments necessary and proper to carry out the powers by this Act conferred.

SEC. 11. The terms of said court shall commence on the second Monday in January, April, July, and October of each year, and shall continue in session for each term until the business may be disposed of; provided, that the county commissioners court of said county may hereafter change the terms of said court whenever it may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 12. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be and the same are hereby expressly repealed.

SEC. 13. The importance of restoring without delay the jurisdiction of the county court of said county creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage; and it is so enacted.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the House of Representatives by a two-thirds vote, yeas 107, nays 0; and passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote, yeas 22, nays 0.]

Approved February 9, 1905.

Became a law February 9, 1905.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

H. B. No. 91.]

CHAPTER 11.

An Act to amend Article 2939 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to legal holidays.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That Article 2939 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Article 2939. The first day of January, the twenty-second day of

February, the second day of March, the twenty-first day of April, the third day of June, the fourth day of July, the first Monday in September, and the twenty-fifth day of December of each year, all days appointed by the President of the United States, or by the Governor of this State, as days of fasting or thanksgiving, and every day on which an election is held throughout the State, are declared holidays, on which all public offices of the State may be closed, and shall be treated and considered as Sunday, or the Christian Sabbath, for all purposes regarding the presenting for payment or acceptance and of protesting for, and giving notice of, the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory notes placed by the law upon the footing of bills of exchange.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the House of Representatives, no vote given; and passed the Senate, no vote given.]

Approved February 9, 1905.

Takes effect 90 days after adjournment.

RAILROAD COMPANIES—EXTENDING TIME IN WHICH TO CONSTRUCT RAILROADS.

S. B. No. 27.]

CHAPTER 12.

An Act for the relief of Railway corporations and belt and suburban Railway companies having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1887, and which have failed, or are about to fail, to construct their roads and branches or any part thereof within the time required by law.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION No 1. That the time within which any railway corporation, chartered under the laws of the State of Texas, since the first day of January 1887, or the charter of which has been amended since that date, is required to begin the construction of its road, and construct, and equip and put in good running order, as provided in article 4558, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and the same hereby is, as to any unfinished portion of such road, extended two years from the taking effect of this Act, and any railway company having been chartered since January 1st, 1887, or the charter of which has been amended since that date, which shall have forfeited its corporate existence or any of its rights and powers, or is about to do so, by reason of the failure to comply with said article 4558, or any part of said article, shall have restored and preserved to it, its corporate existence, and it shall enjoy all of the corporate franchises, property rights and powers held or acquired by it previous to any cause of forfeiture on account of such failure as aforesaid; provided, that no railway company which shall be revived, or the time extended by virtue of this Act, shall claim or exercise any right of franchise not allowed, granted or permitted to other railway corporations under the laws as now in force in this State, and such railway company as may be revived or time extended by this Act shall comply with the laws of this State now in force pertaining to railway corporations, and the provisions of this Act shall apply, extend to